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Status						
1)⊠ Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>05 De</u>	ecember 2006					
<i>i</i> —	/					
•	closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.					
Disposition of Claims						
4) Claim(s) 4-9,11,13-16,18-26,28-32,34-38,40-4	8.55.58-67.69 <i>and</i> 70 is/are pend	ing in the application.				
4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration.						
5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.						
6) Claim(s) is/are rejected.						
7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.						
8) Claim(s) <u>4-9, 11, 13-16, 18-26, 28-32, 34-38, 4</u>	0-48 55 58-67 69 and 70 are s	subject to restriction and/or				
election requirement.	0 10, 00, 00 01, 00 and 10 are	abject to restriction and/or				
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Application Papers						
9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examine	r.					
10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a)☐ acce	epted or b) \square objected to by the E	Examiner.				
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).						
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).						
11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.						
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119						
 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) All b) Some * c) None of: 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received. 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received. 						
Attachment(s)						
1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)						
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Da 5) Notice of Informal P					
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DETAILED ACTION

Examiner acknowledges receipt of request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, amendment and remarks filed 12/05/2006. Claims 30, 34, and 55 are amended; claims 10, 12, 17, 27, 33, 39, 49-54, 56, 57 and 68 are cancelled. Accordingly claims 4-9, 11, 13-16, 18-26, 28-32, 34-38, 40-48, 55, 58-67, 69 and 70 are pending

Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 12/05/2006 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

2. Previous rejections that are not reiterated herein are withdrawn.

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

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In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

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Group I, claim(s) 4-9, 11, 13-16, 29, 34-38, 40-42, 45, 55 and 58-60, drawn to a method of manufacturing tablet.

Group II, claim(s) 18-26, 28, 43, 46-48, 67 and 69-70 drawn to apparatus for manufacturing consumable or dissolvable tablet.

Group III, claim(s) 30-32 and 44, drawn to a consumable or dissolvable tablet.

Group IV, claim(s) 61-66, drawn to a method of administrating a tablet.

2. The inventions listed as Groups I-IV do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: for example group I is drawn to a method of manufacturing tablets, comprising various carriers and parameters. Group II is drawn to apparatus for process of making the tablets. Group III is drawn to product produced by subjecting (group I). Group IV is drawn to method of administering the tablet. Therefore, there is no special technical feature for the tablets or different field of either making the tablets or administration of the tablets. Additionally, there is no unity of invention. The special technical feature has been identified as the active ingredient may be carried by the liquid or molten material used to form the fibres, fibrils, droplets, webs and mats. The product claimed contain a tablet (i.e., at least one fiber or fibrils to deposit onto the support surface to form a fibrous porous web or mat, forming a plurality of individual tablets with at least one active ingredient), which does not define a contribution over the prior art. (For e.g. Coffee, WO-98/03267 discloses processes and apparatuses capable of producing carious solid and partially solid forms

such as fiber, fiber segments, fibrils droplets, particles webs and mats of biological material). Accordingly, unity of invention is considered to be lacking and restriction of the invention in accordance with the rules of unity of invention is considered to be proper.

Election/Restrictions

3. This application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. These species are deemed to lack unity of invention because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

The species are as follows:

- (i). A method of manufacturing tablets according to claims 34 and 55.
- (ii). A method of administering the tablet made by the apparatus of claim 19 and 34.

Applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The reply must also identify the claims readable on the elected species, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered non-responsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

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Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of the invention or species to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

The election of an invention or species may be made with or without traverse. To preserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

4. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JAGADISHWAR R. SAMALA whose telephone number is (571)272-9927. The examiner can normally be reached on 8.30 A.M to 5.00 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Hartley can be reached on (571)272-0616. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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